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Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING EXPIRATION-DATED
PRODUCTS UTILIZING AND ELECTRONIC RECEIPT
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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's requirement of restriction and hereby elects without traverse Group I claims (claims 1-9) for purposes of further prosecuting this patent application.

In view of such election, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-9 be examined on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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